(b) RBI has reported that an amount of 11014.98 lakhs + $7500 + SHS 4597787 Rs. 4722.30 lakhs + $ 8000 was involved in bank frauds in respect of all commercial banks in India (including their foreign branches) in 1990 and 1991 (upto September, 1991) respectively).

(c) On the advice of Government, RBI has appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of the then Deputy Governor of RBI to enquire into various aspects relating to frauds and malpractices in Banks.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Income Tax Notices to Persons Having Telephones

1691. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in some States the Income Tax Department is issuing notices to all those who have acquired new telephones; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). "New Telephone Connections" has been identified as one of the parameters for enquiries to discover potential new tax-payers. Accordingly, on the basis of information obtained from the concerned authorities regarding persons who had boked or acquired new telephone onnections, the Central Information Branches of the Income-tax Department in the States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Haryana & Tamil Nadu, enquity letters were issued on a selective basis to the persons concerned and the information gathered has been communicated to the Assessing Officers for appropriate action.

Voluntary Retirement Scheme for D.T.C. Employees

1692. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to launch a voluntary retirement scheme for the Delhi Transport Corporation employees; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the number of employees proposed to be reduced by the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). A Group of Ministers chaired by the Finance Minister has been constituted to work out an inter-connected package for the rehabilitation of DTC, in order to ensure its long term viability. A voluntary retirement scheme for DTC employees is one of the proposals under consideration of the Group of Minister. No final decision has yet been taken on the scheme.

Loans to SSTs

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1693. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR:
SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:
SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines have been laid down for grant of loans to Small Scale